

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/653,223

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/09/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 16-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/281,324.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

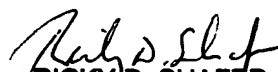
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 14, line 1 of the specification, the language "inv ntion" has been changed to read --invention--.

On page 26, line 1 of the specification, the language "surfac " has been changed to read --surface--.

On page 27, line 1 of the specification, the language "th " has been changed to read --the--.

On page 28, line 1 of the specification, the language "Sinc " has been changed to read --Since--.

On page 30, line 1 of the specification, the language "th phas" has been changed to read --the phase--.

On page 32, line 1 of the specification, the language " f" has been changed to read --of--.

On page 34, line 1 of the specification, the language "th t tal" has been changed to read --the total--.

On page 35, line 1 of the specification, the language "H wever" has been changed to read --However--.

On page 36, line 1 of the specification, the language "pl tes" has been changed to read

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--plates--.

On page 36, line 1 of the specification, the language “ f” has been changed to read

--of--.

On page 41, line 1 of the specification, the language “now,” has been changed to read

--now, the--.

On page 46, line 1 of the specification, the language “distanc ” has been changed to read

--distance--.

On page 51, line 1 of the specification, the language “assum ” has been changed to read

--assume--.

On page 54, line 1 of the specification, the language “regard d” has been changed to read

--regarded--.

On page 55, line 1 of the specification, the language “t o” has been changed to read

--too--.

On page 59, line 1 of the specification, the language “lik ” has been changed to read

--like--.

On page 66, line 1 of the specification, the language “ f” has been changed to read

--of--.

On page 69, line 1 of the specification, the language “th ” has been changed to read

--the--.

On page 72, line 1 of the specification, the language “ lectrical” has been changed to read

--electrical--.

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest an optical filter comprising a plurality of birefringent plates and at least one phase plate or quarter-wave plate, wherein the birefringent plates are thinner than the phase plate or quarter-wave plate, along with the other limitations recited in claims 1, 4, 7, 16, 19 and 20, respectively.

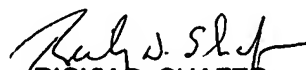
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky D. Shafer whose telephone number is (571) 272-2320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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